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SCORE DEFECTS IN PARTY WORK;
SEEK IMPROVEMENTS IN MINING

CRITICIZE PARTY WORK IN DURRES DISTRICT -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 27 Jan 52

At the third party conference for the Durres District, held one month ago, defects in party work, particularly in the Ishm area, were pointed out. At that time the conference instructed the party committee to take all necessary measures to improve the situation. The party committee accordingly sent a seven-man team, headed by Nonda Baka, to Ishm. The members of the team spoke to party members, activists, farmers, and secretaries of primary party organizations, and met with groups of farmers.

The farmers of Ishm generously assisted the team in its inquiry. Severe criticisms were made of certain individuals who were officers of the Executive Committee of the People's Council. These persons employed methods tending to alienate the masses from the party and from their government. For example, when poor or medium farmers came to the Executive Committee to discuss their problems and voice grievances, Veli Hoxha, Mehdi Kertusha, and others drove them away with accusations that they were kulaks or enemies of the working class. Certain Executive Committee members were guilty of taking extreme measures against kulaks, contrary to the policy of isolating them and carrying out the campaign in a gradual manner. Still other committee officers exhorted the masses to fight against the kulak, but actually obstructed any concrete measures to do so.

The Ishm primary party organization has failed to cope adequately with the situation, and has not assumed its proper role of aggressive leadership. Proper records and accounting have not been kept, proceedings being conducted in a familiar and nonbusinesslike manner. The spirit of self-criticism has been absent. Breaches of party discipline have occurred. Communists such as Ahmet Shehi, Shaban Qarri, and Muharrem Galata, prove have not only failed to carry out party decisions but have been absent five or six consecutive times from important party meetings.

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Such inadequacies explain why Durres District has continually been at the very bottom of the graphs comparing the plan fulfillment achievements of the nation's districts. It is strange that although party representatives come and go in this area, none of them has taken steps to remedy the situation. For instance, Kadri Qevani, who is the party organizer for the region knew of the defects outlined above, but failed either to take any appropriate measures himself, or to make a report to the officers of the Durres District party organization.

The example of the Ishm Communists shows that it is necessary to struggle ceaselessly for the maintenance of internal democracy in party organizations, to settle all problems in a sound self-critical spirit, to bring closer together the ties between the masses and the party, and to deal severely with each violation of party procedure and spirit. Both the party committee and the Executive Committee of the People's Council of Durres District have had a useful lesson which should have taught them a great deal about the necessity for organizing and applying a closer and stricter control of party work, for working more closely with subordinate organs, and for taking decisive action against party defects.

DIRECT MECHANIZATION, MODERNIZATION IN MINING -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 29 Jan 52

A resolution of the Tenth Plenum of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers' Party directs the mining sector of the economy to speed mechanization, make wider use of modern methods, and increase output.

Mining machinery continues to be received from the USSR. Special training is necessary to acquaint miners with the techniques of using such machines.

Special attention also needs to be devoted to the problem of better organization of work. This involves a struggle against bureaucracy, a more effective control of operations, better keeping of records, and wider use of the principle of assigning individual responsibility for specific tasks and functions.

The spirit of socialist competition has not been developed sufficiently in the mining sector. The professional committees, which link the masses to the party, need to organize lectures, issue necessary publicity regarding competitions, and assist the party organizations in the task of acquainting miners with new methods and techniques.

Finally, on the actual working level it is necessary to abandon jerky, irregular work habits and replace them with rhythmic, systematic patterns, which experience has proved most effective.

ADVISE GREATER USE OF NEWSPAPERS BY AGITATORS -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 15 Jan 52

Agitators in Pogradec District are making increased use of newspapers in their work. Demir Nasholli, agitator for Linqe village, has organized groups meeting every 3 days to read and discuss newspapers. In the town of Prenja agitators conducted group reading of Beriya's article published in Zeri i Popullit on 8 November 1951. In the Yugoslav-Albanian border areas and in such towns as Reshtan, special attention is paid to the reading of articles concerning the Litoist Trotskyites, in an attempt to keep the population in a state of revolutionary vigilance against the Yugoslav enemies.

The political work carried out by the Shkenderbej village agitators' collective is an example of fine achievement. Political news is read and discussed regularly at the agitators' seminars and conferences. The village has fulfilled the state plan satisfactorily, and maintains a spirit of vigilance. Thanks to the agitators' efforts in other Albanian-Yugoslav border towns and villages, this same spirit of revolutionary vigilance against the nation's enemy is kept at a high level.

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In spite of such successes, however, certain primary party organizations, for example those at Vemelsht, Dunice and Bratomire, deserve criticism for their faulty party work. Among other things, they have not acted to increase the circulation of newspapers and to insure proper utilization of the press.

The newspaper may be considered the agitator's most potent instrument for the political education of the masses. Primary party organizations need to take more interest in the work of the agitator and encourage the use of newspapers in their seminars and conferences.

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